IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs identified below with the amended paragraphs provided below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

One example of the ability to halt or freeze an application along with all its accompanying states and data is described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. [[--/---,---]] 09/684,373, entitled "Snapshot Virtual Templating," filed on October 5, 2000, incorporated herein by reference. One example of the ability to reinitialize an application along with all its accompanying states and data is described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. [[--/---,---]] 09/680,847, entitled "Snapshot Restore Of Application Chains and Applications," filed on October 5, 2000, incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, the DSL and DSL resolution system 150 provides a DSL which defines a variable pathname to a requested directory or file. In one embodiment, the DSL is incorporated or configured in alternative attribute fields in a file structure of a file system 236 (see FIG. 4). If a DSL is incorporated within a file attribute, a utility or application programming interface call is provided to set this attribute and designate the link as a DSL. In one embodiment, the DSL allows the system 150 to redirect the computer 120 to access one of a plurality of alternate directories or files as designated by the resolution of the DSL. One example of a DSL containing a DSL declaration is:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

Still referring to FIG. 4, in one embodiment, OS 194 includes an application snapshot (AppShot) framework 248. AppShot framework 248 provides routing for

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pathnames during the resolution of DSLs. In one embodiment, the AppShot framework is a software layer that resides between the application that can intercept API calls and track process state associated with an application. In one embodiment, requests for system resources or changes to process state are routed internally and the AppShot framework 248 tracks these events in anticipation of a snapshot.